

**DEFAULT SERVICE**

**1. General**

This Tariff may be revised, amended, supplemented or supplanted in whole or in part from time to time according to the procedures provided in MDTE regulations and Massachusetts law. In case of conflict between this Tariff and any orders or regulations of the MDTE, said orders or regulations shall govern.

**2. Definitions**

"Company" shall mean the Boston Edison Company, a Distribution Company.

"Competitive Supplier" shall mean any entity licensed by the MDTE to sell electricity to retail Customers in Massachusetts, with the following exceptions: (1) a Distribution Company providing Standard Offer Service and Default Service to its distribution Customers, and (2) a municipal light department that is acting as a Distribution Company.

"Customer" shall mean any person, partnership, corporation, or any other entity, whether public or private, who obtains Distribution Service at a Customer Delivery Point and who is a Customer of record of the Company.

"Customer Delivery Point" shall mean the Company's meter or a point designated by the Company located on the Customer's premises.

"Default Service" shall mean the service provided by the Distribution Company to a Customer who is not receiving either Generation Service from a Competitive Supplier or Standard Offer Service, in accordance with the provisions set forth in this tariff.

"Distribution Company" shall mean a company engaging in the distribution of electricity or owning, operating, or controlling distribution facilities; provide, however, a Distribution Company shall not include any entity which owns or operates plant or equipment used to produce electricity, steam and chilled water, or any affiliate engaged solely in the provision of such electricity, steam, and chilled water, where the electricity produced by such entity or its affiliate is primarily for the benefit of hospitals and non-profit educational institutions, and where such plant or equipment was in operation prior to January 1, 1986.

"Distribution Service" shall mean the delivery of electricity to the Customer by the Distribution Company over lines that operate at a voltage level typically equal to or greater than 110 volts and less than 69,000 volts.

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**2. Definitions (continued)**

"Generation Service" shall mean the sale of electricity, including ancillary services such as the provision of reserves, to a Customer by a Competitive Supplier.

"MDTE" shall mean the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Energy.

"Retail Access Date" shall mean March 1, 1998, unless otherwise determined by the MDTE.

"Standard Offer Service" shall mean the service provided pursuant to the Company's Standard Offer Service tariff, as filed with the MDTE.

**3. Availability**

Default Service shall be available to any Customer who is not receiving Standard Offer Service and who, for any reason, has stopped receiving Generation Service from a Competitive Supplier.

**4. Rate**

The rate for Default Service shall be 6.993 cents per kilowatt-hour.

The Company reserves the right to recalculate monthly bills for Customers who are being served under the fixed Default Service rate stated above and who decide to switch to a Competitive Supplier before June 30, 2001. The bill for each month of the period in which the fixed rate was applicable will be recalculated at the following rates (in cents per kilowatt-hour):

	<u>Jan</u>	<u>Feb</u>	<u>Mar</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Jun</u>
Residential (Rates R1, R2, R3 & R4)	8.469	7.630	6.347	5.757	5.862	7.192
Commercial (Rates G1, G2, T1 & Street Lighting)	8.864	7.929	6.475	5.885	6.087	7.555
Industrial (Rates G3 & T2)	8.565	7.705	6.379	5.810	5.980	7.309

This is intended to ensure that all Customers pay the actual cost of supply for the electricity they have used.

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**5. Billing**

Each Customer receiving Default Service shall receive one bill from the Company, reflecting unbundled charges for their electric service.

**6. Initiation of Default Service**

Default service may be initiated in any of the following manners:

- a. A Customer who is receiving Generation Service from a Competitive Supplier notifies the Distribution Company that the Customer wishes to terminate such service and receive Default Service. In this instance, Default Service shall be initiated within two (2) business of such notification for residential Customers. For other Customers, Default Service shall be initiated concurrent with the Customer's next scheduled meter read date, provided that the Customer has provided such notification to the Company two (2) or more business days before the next scheduled meter read date, in accordance with the Company's Terms and Conditions for Competitive Suppliers. If the Customer provided such notification fewer than two (2) days before the Customer's next scheduled meter read date, Default Service shall be initiated concurrent with the Customer's subsequent scheduled meter read date;
- b. A Competitive Supplier notifies the Distribution Company that it shall terminate Generation Service to a Customer. In this instance, Default Service shall be initiated for the Customer concurrent with the Customer's next scheduled meter read date, provided that the notice of termination of Generation Service is received by the Company two (2) or more business days before the next scheduled meter read date, in accordance with the Company's Terms and Conditions for Competitive Suppliers. If the notice of termination is received fewer than two (2) days before the Customer's next scheduled meter read date, Default Service shall be initiated concurrent with the Customer's subsequent scheduled meter read date;
- c. A Competitive Supplier ceases to provide Generation Service to a Customer, without notification to the Distribution Company. In this instance, Default Service to the Customer shall be initiated immediately upon the cessation of Generation Service;

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**6. Initiation of Default Service (continued)**

- d. A Customer taking Standard Offer Service has not chosen affirmatively a Competitive Supplier at the end of the term of Standard Offer Service.**

**7. Termination of Default Service**

**Default Service may be terminated by a Customer concurrent with the Customer's next scheduled meter read date provided that notice of initiation of Generation Service by a Competitive Supplier is received by the Company two (2) or more business days before the next scheduled meter read date, in accordance with the Company's Terms and Conditions for Competitive Suppliers.**

**If the notice of initiation of Generation Service by the Competitive Supplier is received by the Company fewer than two days before the Customer's next scheduled meter read date, Default Service shall be terminated concurrent with the Customer's subsequent scheduled meter read date.**

**There shall be no fee for terminating Default Service.**